

## Contributed

### MEN: TODAY AND TOMORROW.

By A. L. Phillips, General Superintendent.

The wakening of men to the call of God through the Church in all lands is surely one of the most significant facts at the present time. It does not seem to be confined to any country, for from the remotest mission fields we hear of the good work. National boundaries do not confine it. No one denomination can claim it to the exclusion of others. It is manifesting itself most notably in two directions. The great openings for Church expansion at home and abroad are calling forth the manly strength and resources from every walk in life. Men are really beginning to attend to the voice of God. Then there is in progress a remarkable revival of interest in the study of the Bible. Large men's classes are to be found in a great many towns and villages and in nearly all the cities throughout North America.

In these movements there is hope that men may give heed to the call of God for a complete surrender, and that they will enter vigorously into the prayer-life, into the study of Church problems and activities, into a new sense of their responsibility for the use of money, into a larger vision of their social opportunities, into a new degree of loyalty to the Church, and into personal efforts for the salvation of others.

Our Brotherhoods are doing great good in the work of calling men out into deeper consecration and larger service, and in training them for better things. Some pastors and churches have failed to use this awakening as the occasion for bringing their men forward but in many cases the men have been made to see their opportunity with new eyes. They have taken up in their Brotherhoods such activities as hospital work, city missions, Sunday schools, prayer meetings, visitation of the sick, employment for those out of work, the support of missionaries, and evangelistic enterprises.

We are trying to make a new generation of men by training the boys through the Covenanter Companies. The growth of this work is one of the most encouraging facts in our recent Church life. There are now 230 Companies which enrolled 3,106 charter members. They are engaged in a great many forms of activity, the chief of which are perhaps missions and social work. Hundreds of boys in almost every direction have been brought into a new appreciation of the Church's interest in them and care for them. Here and there both men and women have through the Covenanter work been brought face to face with God's call to service, and have yielded themselves to Him for the boys. A very large amount of information in books, pamphlets, leaflets, papers and letters has been sent abroad over the whole Church, giving accurate facts about the work for boys and its blessed results.

Feeling the necessity of nurturing this work for men of today and tomorrow,

the Executive Committee of Publication, at the request of the Brotherhood Convention and with the unanimous sanction of the General Assembly, secured the services of Mr. Robert W. Davis, of Louisville, Ky., as its superintendent. He entered on his work December 1, 1908; and, after spending some time in necessary investigation and study, he began active work in the field.

Here are some of the results secured by him: He has worked in twenty-six Presbyteries; visited fifty-six Covenanter Companies and thirty-eight Brotherhoods, and organized seven new Covenanter Companies with ninety-four charter members, and four Brotherhoods with twenty-eight charter members. He made ninety-three addresses in all, and held 111 personal interviews about various forms of work. During his period of service thirty-six Covenanter boys have been converted. He traveled 9,677 miles. His average traveling and incidental expenses have been \$61.17 per month, which has been paid by the Committee of Publication from its general funds. His salary was secured by subscriptions from Brotherhoods, Covenanter Companies and individuals. One generous friend subscribed a thousand dollars, but the number of persons and organizations contributing did not meet expectations. The last General Assembly instructed the Publication Committee to continue Mr. Davis' work, provided the necessary funds could be secured by special effort.

The statements made above show conclusively that this work has been practical, economical and highly effective. Correspondence on file in my office from pastors and from leaders of work for men and boys testifies strongly to the practical help and inspiration given. The work done proves the desirability of its indefinite continuance. The work planned for the men of our Church for the immediate future in Missions at home and abroad and in the Sunday schools makes increased spiritual activity absolutely necessary to prevent hurtful reactions. We must have at least fifteen hundred dollars in cash and subscriptions by December 1, 1909, or this work will certainly be stopped.

### TO THE COLLEGES AND PREPARATORY SCHOOLS OF GEORGIA.

You have been asked by Prof. Charles R. Foster, the president of Georgia Students' Missionary League, to send delegates to the next convention, which meets with us the twelfth to Fourteenth of November. As hostess, we write to welcome any one who will come and affiliate with us in this work. Mission study has done so much for us that it becomes our greatest desire to pass on the enthusiasm for world-wide evangelization to every student body in our state. May we not expect at least a representation from your school? Pray with us that every moment of the time spent in this convention may be used for God's glory, and that many young lives may be dedicated to his service.

Yours in Christian fellowship,  
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### ON SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

Action of the Synod of Virginia.

Report of the committee to respond to the address of W. H. Boggs, D. D., secretary for schools and colleges.

The Synod has heard with much pleasure the able address of the Rev. W. E. Boggs, D. D., secretary of schools and colleges, and desires to express its hearty sympathy with his committee in the work entrusted to it by the General Assembly, and its readiness to co-operate with the Committee in its efforts to carry out the policies of our church, touching the matter of Christian education.

1. Therefore the Synod commends this cause to the liberality of our people, and urges all our churches to make generous contributions to it in the months of September and June, as appointed by the assembly. The Synod favors the creation of an Educational Loan Fund to be available for worthy students of our denomination under such conditions as may be determined by the executive committee.

2. The Synod hereby directs its own Committee on Schools and Colleges to carefully consider the best methods of providing for the religious instruction and pastoral care of Presbyterian students in state universities, colleges, and other undenominational schools. (See action of General Assembly Minutes 1906 pp 55, and 1907 pp 60.) as promotive of this and, the Synod desires that its committee shall make formal overtures to the governing bodies of such institutions to take into favorable consideration the matter of providing optional courses in Bible study, which being properly certified to by their faculties, shall be recognized in the degrees conferred by them as on an equality with other literary studies.

3. The Synod also expresses its sympathy with the purpose of the Executive Committee, acting under the instruction of the assembly, to call in the near future a convention of Presbyterian educators to consider the state of Christian education in our church, and to make such recommendations as to them may seem good.

4. The report of the Synods committee on schools and colleges was referred to us. We recommend that the resignation of Rev. F. J. Brook D. D., as member and chairman of the committee be accepted, and that Rev. Geo. L. Petrie, D. D., be appointed in his place, and that Rev. A. T. Graham, Rev. A. M. Fraser, D. D., and Mr. F. T. Glasgow be the committee.

5. We recommend that the collections in September be sent to the General Assembly's Executive Committee, and that the collection in June go to Union Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

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How true it is that "the curse of your life and my life is its littleness"! Large views of life, large plans for my God, large use of the means of grace, large faith in our heavenly Father, large love for the lost, will cure this curse of littleness.